



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Rob Fyrst, Treasurer
Democratic Party Of Wisconsin Federal Account
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Madison, WI 53703

Response Due Date:
April 11, 2005

Identification Number: C00019331

Reference: Year-End Report (11/23/04-12/31/04)

Dear Mr. Fyrst:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 30 Day Post-General Report (10/14/04-11/22/04). Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(a)(iii), 11(c), 11(d), 15, 17, 19, 20, 25, 29, 30(b), 30(c), 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

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-Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(c) prohibit a state, district or local party committee (combined) from receiving any contribution from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$10,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

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-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses several anonymous contributions totaling \$3,237.32. Please be advised that an anonymous cash contribution is limited to \$50. Any amount in excess of \$50 may not be used for federal election purposes. 11 CFR §110.4(c)(3) If these contributions consisted of amounts not in excess of \$50, please disclose them on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page. Otherwise, please transfer-out the amount in excess of \$50 to an account not used to influence federal elections.

-Schedule A of your 2004 Amended 12 Day Pre-General, 30 Day Post-General and Year-End Reports combined, disclose receipts totaling \$10,000.00 from "Dollars for Democrats," which is a joint fundraising committee affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser(s). The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. Please amend your report by providing the omitted memo schedule(s). 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1135.

Sincerely,



Maureen Beniz
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Reports Analysis Division

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| Contributor Name | Date | Amount | Report |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Weiss, Mary Brown | 10/08/04 | \$10,000.00 | 12 Day Pre-General |
| Weiss, Mary Brown | 12/03/04 | \$5,000.00 | Year-End |

